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Vegetable and Floral Novelties

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raised and introduced by

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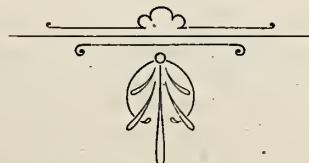
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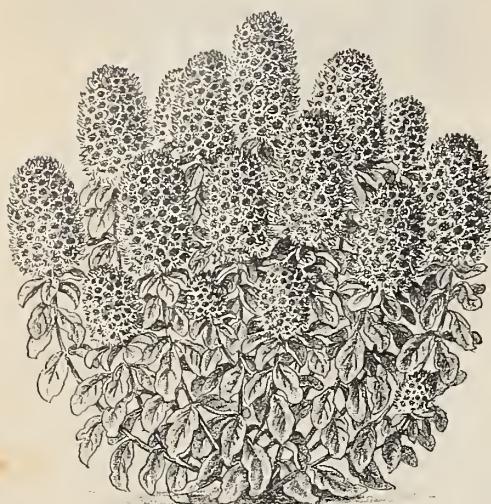
ERFURT,

GERMANY.



For all other Varieties not included in this list, please apply for my English
Wholesale-List that will be issued in November!





Mignonette, Excelsior.
Electro 1 s.



Carnation, White Queen.
Electro 1 s.



Chrysanthemum carinatum Golden Feather,
all Colours mixed. Electro 1 s.

Carnation White Queen (Lorenz). To my large collection of choice Carnations and Picotees, I beg to add this lovely new variety, which shall soon become as popular as the well known "Germania". The beauty and value of this new Carnation can be but faintly shown by either words or illustrations. Its principal points of merit are the admirable globular form, the pure porcelain-white colour and fine parchment-like substance of the flowers, measuring from 2 to 3 inches across and borne on stiff wiry stems. The flower possesses remarkable keeping qualities and emits a delicious fragrance; the constitution of the plant is particular vigorous; the foliage broad and highly glaucous.

Layers from August, well rooted 2 s. 6 d. each.

Chrysanthemum carinatum Golden Feather, all Colours mixed (Lorenz's Strain). In 1896 I introduced a scarlet variety and one year later my double-flowering strain of Chr. carinatum; after 3 years endeavours, I have now succeeded to fix all colours of the old race in this new yellow-leaved, dwarf strain, and I dare say even the finest colours as carmine-edged, bronze-grounded, flesh-coloured and deep yellow shades are the most frequent with this class. It is a matter of fact that the flowers produce an effect by far more striking on the light yellow back-ground than they do upon the dark, gloomy green foliage of the old type. The dwarf compact growth is another advantage, as the old race, especially in substantious soil, takes a development sometimes cumbersome in a flower-garden.

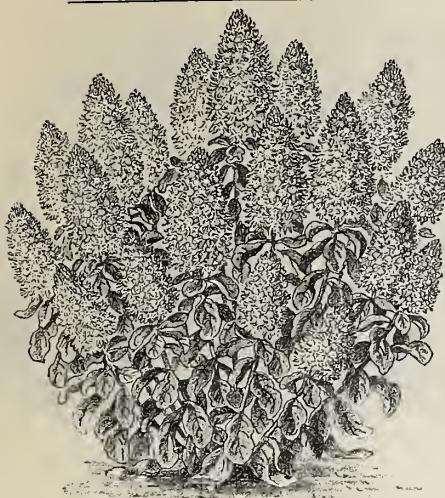
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Mignonette, Excelsior (Lorenz). This is another first-class novelty. Belonging to the Machet-type, it is of vigorous, broad-pyramidal, short-branched habit, attaining a height of from 8 to 10 inches, with very thick, undulated foliage, and throws up numerous extremely broad spikes of elegant, obtuse form and a silvery tinted buff-colour, merging in a copper-red tint to the centre. Somewhat resembling to the variety "Gabriele", it differs from the latter by its lighter colour, the general colour effect of this variety may be described as being a silver shining Mignonette-brown, and it surpasses all other Machet-varieties by the immense size of its flower-trusses and its robust, sturdy growth. For cutting purposes as well as for pot-culture and out door growth a grand variety.

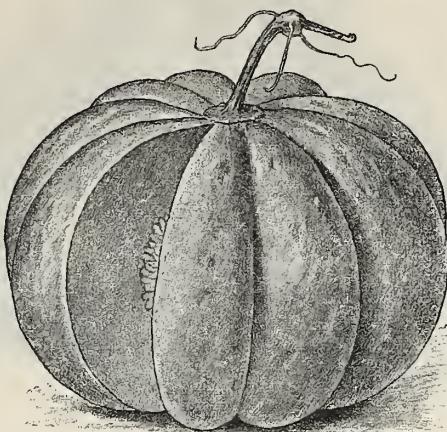
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Mignonette, Golden Jewel (Lorenz). I am now in a position to offer to the trade a novelty of Mignonette showing a great improvement on the variety "Golden Gem" introduced by me some years ago. Dwarf, compact growth, strong stems, dressed with vigorous foliage, equally branched and crowned with flowers of an enormous size and of an obtuse, dense form, this variety is much the superior of its class. The colour is an intense Bronze-yellow hitherto not to be found amongst Mignonettes and the floriferousness and delicious fragrance being the same as with other similar varieties, this novelty may be called the best yellow Mignonette, valuable for all purposes this plant is used to.

100 packets 32 s., dozen packets 5 s. (Retail 9 d.)



Mignonette, Golden Jewel.
Electro 1 s.



Melon (Cantaloup, Empress Augusta Victoria).
Electro 1 s.



Snapdragon, Black Prince.
Electro 1 s.

Snapdragon, Black Prince (Lorenz). The genus *Antirrhinum* being a great favourite as a cut flower and for bedding purposes, self-coloured varieties generally are preferred. From this point of view "Black prince" will be a grand acquisition to the assortment of Dwarf Snapdragons, as the colour of its flower-spikes is a velvety black with purple reflex similar but by far more intense than this colour is exhibited in the well known rose "Souvenir de William Wood". A peculiarity that will add another charm to the beauty of this plant, are the golden yellow anthers, with other flowers hidden within the throat, peeping over the black-palate of the flower like two fiery eyes. For bedding requirements this variety will make a fit companion to the white "Queen of the North" and as a cut-flower it will be grand. Comes absolutely true from seed.

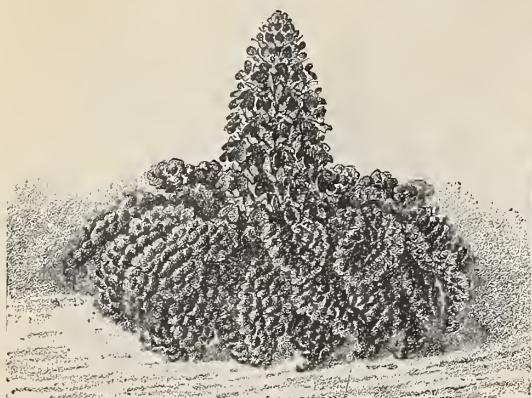
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Lettuce, Harbinger (Lorenz). Although there is no need of early Cabbage-lettuces for outdoor-growth, this sort will prove to be a valuable addition as it possesses all the points most desirable in such a variety, combining earliness and hardiness with high quality, large size, productiveness and keeping qualities, advantages not associated in any other variety. Within 25—30 days from date of planting it forms large solid heads of a beautiful light green colour; the crisp and tender heart measuring without the outside leaves 8 inches across and being of excellent flavour. Another chief peculiarity of this variety is the extraordinary time it remains fit for use, notwithstanding summer heat and drought, and may therefore be planted as a succession to the forcing varieties as well as a fore-runner of the summer lettuces.

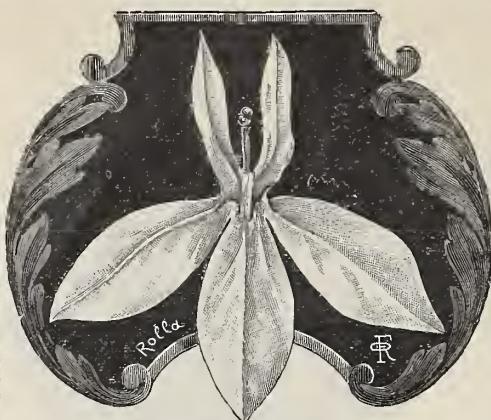
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Melon (Cantaloup), Empress Augusta Victoria (Lorenz). By a careful selection continued for several years, I have succeeded to raise a Cantaloup whose most conspicuous features are: It is well resisting wet, unfavorable weather and seems proof against mildew and other diseases, it is a heavy cropper and gives a crop with full certainty, and last but not least, it is one of the earliest. The fruit is only of medium size, averaging from 5 to 7 pounds, round, flattened at both ends and decidedly ribbed. The skin assumes different colourings according to its state of maturity; being at the beginning pea-green, it gradually changes from dark green, yellowish green, buff-colour into a rich orange yellow. The flesh is very thick, eatable to the very rind and leaving only a small seed cavity, of a salmon-orange colour, melting character and a luscious, very spicy flavour, the eatable part being quite as considerable as with large-fruiting varieties. The extraordinary prolificacy is shown by the peculiarity that often two fruits are borne by one joint; the plant is moreover of moderate but vigorous growth, producing sturdy short-jointed shoots. — Altogether this variety is a grand fruit for table and market purposes.

100 packets 40 s., dozen packets 5 s. 6 d. (Retail 10 d.)



Ajuga metallica crispa. Electro 1 s.



Lobelia, British Maid.



Lettuce, Harbinger. Electro 1 s.

Recent Novelties of proved worth.

Ajuga metallica crispa. This last years novelty has proved to be a valuable acquisition for carpet-bedding where, as a counterpart to plants with yellow or silvery white foliage, it will create a grand effect; there is really no other plant of the same dark colour and the regular dwarf growth. The regular compact habit, in combination with the dark green, metallic glossy leaves gives quite a charming appearance to the plant, which, including the nice, ultramarine-blue flower-spikes reaches a height of from 4 to 5 inches. Seeds are to be sown on a cold frame and are as with other Perennials very long in germinating.

100 packets 40 s., dozen packets 5 s. 6 d. (Retail 10 d.)

Aster, Comet-, Dwarf Perfection, White. A beautiful dwarf variety of the valuable and popular Comet-Aster, growing only from 6 to 8 inch. high and flowering freely even in the beginning of July. The large flower is pure white and well formed.

100 packets 30 s., dozen packets 4 s. 6 d. (Retail 8 d.)

Aster, Hohenzollern. Being of the same habit as the German Globe Aster, this superb new variety develops flowers of an enormous size, attaining 8 inches in diameter and borne by stiff wiry stems of from 18 to 20 inches long. They much resemble the flowers of a Japanese Chrysanthemum.

This is the most large-flowering Aster in existance and produces a grand material for cut flowers.

100 packets 30 s., dozen packets 4 s. 6 d. (Retail 8 d.)

Chrysanthemum, dwarf double yellow. The most interesting feature of this new variety of Ch. coronarium is its remarkable dwarf and compact habit, which gives the plants an exceedingly neat and ornamental aspect. It is a beautiful sight to observe so small a plant completely covered with beautiful double golden yellow flowers that are produced almost in continuous succession throughout the season.

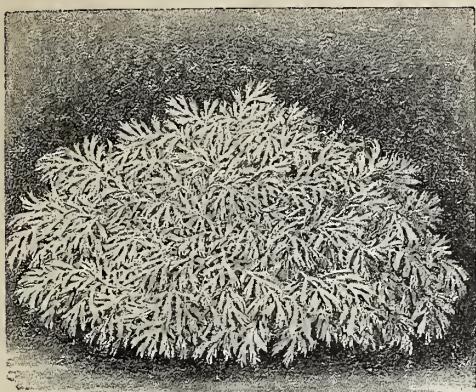
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Cynoglossum furcatum. The flowers of this new "Dog's-tongue" somewhat resemble a forget-me-not, being, however, by far larger in size. This is an hardy Biennial of great floriferousness and easy culture, and in mild climate adapted to autumn sowing.

100 packets 30 s., dozen packets 4 s. 6 d. (Retail 8 d.)

Heterospermum Xanthii. Another new Annual of quick, easy growth, flowering within 4 weeks from date of sowing, which continues blooming until frost sets in, attaining but 8 to 10 inches height and producing chrome-yellow flowers in great profusion, calling to mind Tagetes signata pumila.

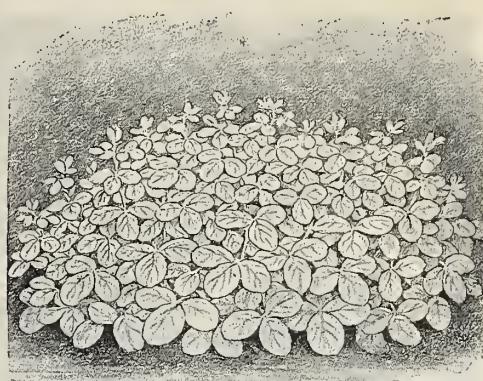
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Pyrethrum (Golden Feather), Moss.
Electro 1 s.



Mignonette Silver Flower.
Electro 1 s.



Trifolium (Clover), Golden Fleece.
Electro 1 s.

Lobelia, British Maid. A pretty new variety of the perennial *Lobelia cardinalis* with beautiful large flowers of a delicate pale pink or flesh-rose uninterruptedly produced during the whole summer until late in the autumn; the foliage, being very vigorous and of a metallic purple hue, much enhances the effect of this stately appearance. It does best in the open ground; the seed, germinating very slowly, is sown in a hotbed and should not be covered with soil.

A Golden medal has been awarded to this novelty at the Horticultural Exhibition of St-Etienne September 1896, a First-class certificate by the Société d'horticulture du Rhône, and a great silver medal in 1897, Hamburg.

100 packets 60 s., dozen packets 9 s. (Retail 1 s. 6 d.)

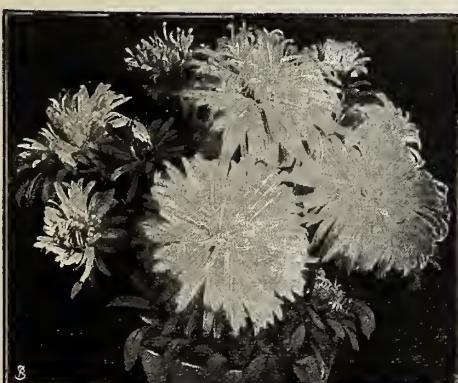
Mignonette Silver Flower. This variety is the result of the most careful selection extended over several years and may be called as that Mignonette which, before all other varieties, most approaches a really white one. The bushy, fine densely growing plant with its numerous straight panicles covered with fine silvery flowers is of the most striking effect and will instantly claim attention.

The seed I offer produces from 60 to 70 per cent of true plants.

100 packets 30 s., dozen packets 4 s. 6 d. (Retail 8 d.)

Pansy, Empress Augusta Victoria (Lorenz). A charming new variety of the large-flowering section of Pansies, particularly effective on account of the gay contrast of colours. The prime colour is a pretty porcelain-white sometimes with a very light bluish hue. The upper two petals are violet-edged while each of the three lower petals is marked with a large violet-blue spot contrasting wonderfully with the golden yellow eye. At the General Horticultural Exhibition at Hamburg this novelty has been awarded a Silver Medal.

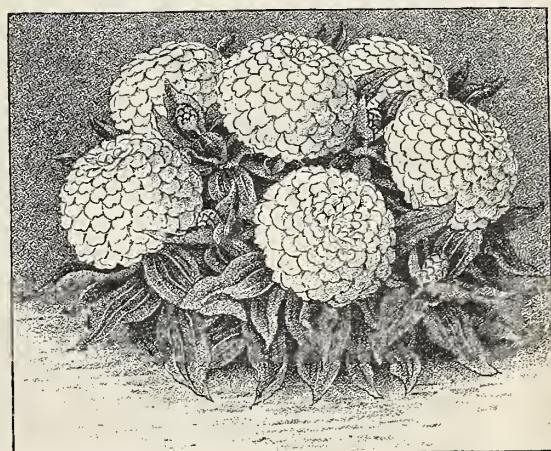
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Aster, Comet, Dwarf Perfection.
Electro 1 s.



Mammoth Ten-week Stock.
Electro 1 s.



Zinnia, Lorenz's Miniature.
Electro 1 s.



Pansy, Empress Augusta Victoria. Electro 1 s.



Sweet Pea, Navy Blue. Electro 1 s

Pyrethrum (Golden Feather), Moss. No other Pyrethrum has its leaves as finely cut as this variety which has the appearance of a golden tuft of moss. Of high value for carpet-bedding, so much the more as in the first summer it produces no flowers and needs no cutting back.

100 packets 60 s., dozen packets 9 s. (Retail 1 s.)

Mammoth Ten-week-Stock, Newest coulours. Of this Stock, introduced by me some years ago, I am enabled to offer this year for the first time the following distinct shades of colour: copper-rose, rose, violet, deep-carmine, dark-brown, carmine and dark-blue. The Mammoth Ten-week Stocks are distinguished by a remarkably vigorous, robust growth and gigantic magnificently doubled flowers sitting on long stalks which often attain a length of nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet. A bed of this Stock makes a brilliant display and I can strongly recommend it to all lovers of this popular plant. For beauty and enormous size of the flowers the above variety far surpasses all Stocks known.

100 packets 30 s., dozen packets 4 s. 6 d. (Retail 8 d.)

Sweet Pea, Navy Blue. An entirely distinct color (*not tint*) from any existing variety of Sweet Pea. General color effect dark blue; standards brilliant royal purple; wings pure violet; the whole flower elegantly veined in sharp relief. A most vigorous grower. Blooms of approved form, generous size, parchment-like texture and remarkable substance. Stems usually bear three flowers, occasionally four. When they begin to fade, they assume an antique silver-gray cast, but maintain a stately mien up to the moment the petals fall.

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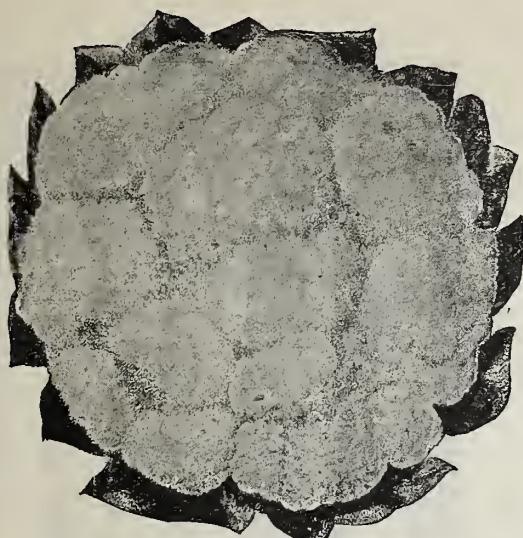
Trifolium (Clover). Golden Fleece. The golden yellow foliage of this clover much resembles the well known Pyrethrum Golden Feather. Forming a dense cushion-like carpet, this Clover is, even without its sweet-scented, purple flower-heads, a lovely appearance and well adapted for carpet-bedding, edgings &c.

100 packets 30 s., dozen packets 4 s. 6 d. (Retail 8 d.)

Zinnia, Lorenz's Miniature. In plant and bloom the smallest Zinnia in existence. The plant grows only about 4 inch. high, and shows in habit, foliage and bloom a perfection not usually found amongst Zinnias. The mixture I now offer contains all colours to be met with Zinnias. A most valuable plant for elegant small groups, for borders, beddings &c.

At the General Horticultural Exhibition at Hamburg 1897 this novelty has been awarded an Extra Prize.

100 packets 32 s., dozen packets 5 s. (Retail 9 d.)



Cauliflower, Lorenz's Dwarf Matchless. Electro 1 s.



Cucumber, Princess. Electro 1 s.

Cauliflower, Lorenz's Dwarf Matchless, as dwarf as Early Dwarf Erfurt, but is ready 4 weeks later. Heads beautifully white, firm, of enormous size; may be grown as a succession to "Early Dwarf Erfurt".

100 packets 30 s., dozen packets 4 s. (Retail 8 d.)

Cucumber, Princess (Lorenz). The plant is a moderate but healthy grower, producing sturdy, short-jointed shoots and in great abundance short fruits of handsome cylindrical form and of a rich glossy dark-green. The skin is smooth, the flesh white and fine in flavour. Equally suitable for frame and open ground and most interesting to those who have no garden as it can be grown in pots in a window of an ordinary dwelling-room.

When the plants begin to climb construct a light trellis of sticks and tie them loosely to it.

100 packets 30 s., dozen packets 4 s. 6 d. (Retail 8 d.)

Frame-Cucumber, Blendworth Perfection. An excellent frame-cucumber, especially adapted for forcing-houses. The fruit is smooth, dark glossy green, attaining a length of from 16 to 18 inches, and its fine, mild flavour cannot be equalled.

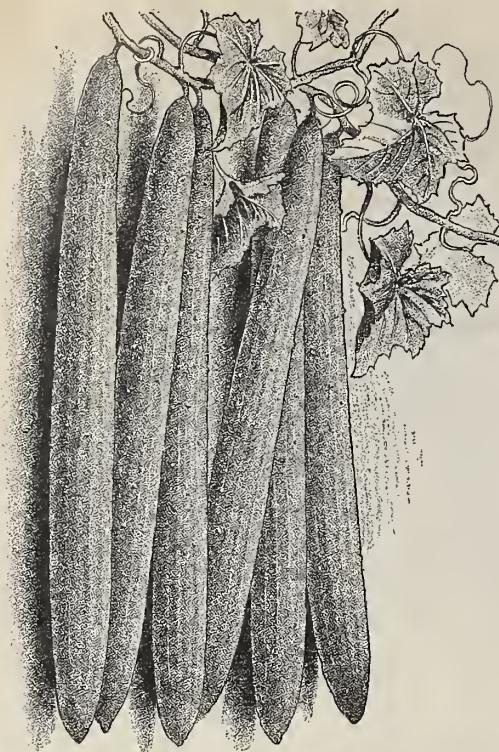
100 packets 40 s., dozen packets 5 s. 6 d. (Retail 10 d.)

Frame-Cucumber, Old Chancellor (Lorenz.) This new Cucumber is raised together with Table Queen from the same sowing and rivals the latter in prolificness, beautiful shape of the very long fruit of from 30 to 32 inch., and its solid and tender flesh of delicate flavour. The fruit, however, is somewhat thicker than Table Queen, and of a beautiful rich green colour. A first-class variety for market purposes and general use, and unequalled for exhibition purposes.

100 packets 30 s., dozen packets 4 s. 6 d. (Retail 8 d.)

Frame-Cucumber, Table Queen (Lorenz). The fruit growing to 30 inch. in length and averaging from 2 to 2½ inch. in diameter, is very short necked, straight and uniform, and of the same thickness throughout, with beautiful pale greenish-white flesh, solid and of delicate flavour. The colour of the young fruit is pale green, sometimes yellowish-green, gradually changing to yellowish-white with narrow pale green stripes. Especially adapted for forcing in greenhouses and certainly one of the best white ones.

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Frame-Cucumber, Old Chancellor. Electro 1 s. 6 d.



Frame-Cucumber, Table Queen. Electro 1 s. 6 d.

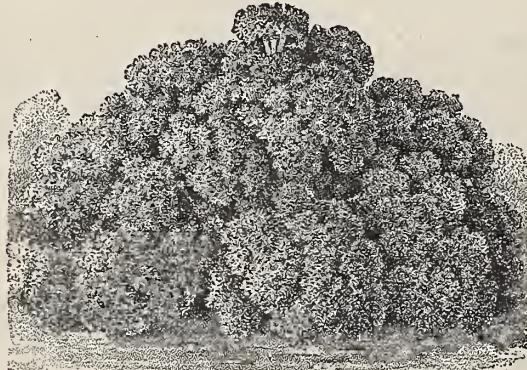
Melon, Lorenz's Nectar. One of the best Melons ever introduced. The fruit is oblong in shape weighing 5 to 7 lbs. The skin is dark-green, the flesh thick and solid, of delicate greenish-white colour and of exceedingly sweet and delicious flavour. The plant is robust and a good bearer.

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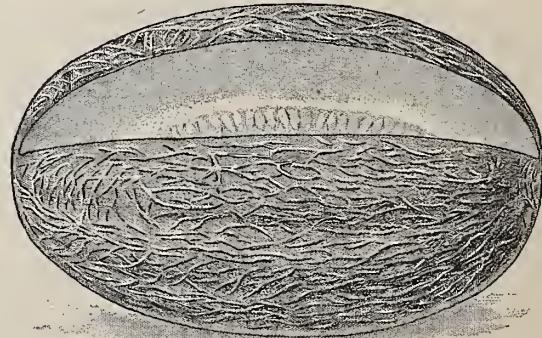
Parsley, Lorenz's Dwarf Perfection. This novelty is doubtless the finest and most valuable Parsley ever raised. The habit is regular and compact, and the exquisitely fine and prettily curled leaves are set so closely that the form of the plant is almost semi-globular. The colour is a wonderful bright pea-green, and in flavour it surpasses all other Parsley-varieties known. This novelty combines the qualities of a fine culinary herb with those of a beautiful decorative plant, and is equally valuable for garnishing purposes and borders. It may be sown in pots or in a frame, and the seedlings, when strong enough, should be planted out from 8 to 10 inch. apart.

At the General Horticultural Exhibition at Hamburg 1897 this new Parsley has been awarded the Large Silver Medal.

100 packets 20 s., dozen packets 3 s. (Retail 6 d.)



Parsley, Lorenz's Dwarf Perfection. Electro 1 s.



Melon, Lorenz's Nectar. Electro 1 s.

If 50 packets are ordered of one novelty, the respecting electro is supplied free!